



What is Altai Mir University? & why Altai?

Altai is more than a place—it is a state of being.

In the chaos of the current world, Altai is a profound source of hope, healing, and respite. Together, we access peace by creating a bridge between ancient wisdom and today's world.

Altai has been a place of pilgrimage and healing throughout history. The name (as I was finally told by a native speaker of the Altai language) means “people’s land.” It is known as the umbilicus of the Earth, where *chi* or life force comes onto the planet. As a validation of this, it is documented as having the most intense lightning activity on the planet. To Russians, Altai is known as the mystical *Belovodiye* (*White Water* from the glaciers) and it is most probably the place the Tibetans refer to as Mt. Meru—home of the gods, the World Mountain in the Far North—because it is the only mountain range directly north of Tibet.

We focus on Altai, because the Spirit of Altai called to us, as it calls to many. The locals all know that they are stewards of sacred lands that actually belong to the whole world. As my (Carol’s) Russian language skills improve, I discover that the visions I experience there are shared by many. The ephemeral white beings, who came into my dreams in Seattle to powerfully and unforgettably invite me to “please come,” are so commonly “seen” there that the whole White Oirots [*oirot* means *one from Altai*] religion has been built around them. When I described my vision at Mt. Belukha—of white beings with the faces of men and bodies of women—to an Altai friend, she clapped her hands with glee and exclaimed, “You were seeing the Spirit of Belukha [*Belukha* means *white*]! That’s how it frequently appears to us.”

Mir is a wonderful Russian word that means both *peace* and *world*, which epitomizes our mission.

The word *university* is derived from *uni* (*single*) + *versa* (*to turn back upon*)—i.e., “turning back to Oneness.” Altai Mir University is founded on that original meaning, as opposed to usual practice of universities to divide up the world into faculties that frequently cannot even communicate with each other. Humanity seems to cycle between extreme subjectivism (as in religion in the Middle Ages) and extreme objectivism (as in present-day science). “Oneness” is a dynamic balance of the two polarities.

So the purpose of Altai Mir University is to bring forth, out of Altai, wholeness and peace for the world. On the mystical level, all is in dynamic balance. On the material level, we integrate and organize exchanges, courses, projects, and literature, to share the wisdom and sustain the source.